

REMARKS

Upon filing of the subject application on December 18, 2000, Applicant also submitted a Preliminary Amendment adding new claims 31-43 of which new claim 31 was copied from an issued U.S. Patent. With that submission, Applicant failed to identify the patent number and the claim number of the copied claim to the Examiner as is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.607 (c). This was an unintentional oversight on the part of the Applicant, and Applicant apologizes for any inconvenience that this may have caused the Examiner. Applicant wishes to hereby now identify the claim that was copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,004,787, assigned to Abbott Laboratories. Claims 31 is identical to claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,004,787. Claims 32-43 are method claims. Claims 2-10 of the '787 Patent are compound claims.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 300622000510. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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